

At the Court at *WHITEHALL*,  
*February 22. 1664.*

Present

*The Kings most Excellent Majesty.*

His Royal Highness the  
 Duke of *York*.  
 His Highness Prince *Rupert*.  
 Lord Archbishop of *Canter-*  
*bury*.  
 Duke of *Buckingham*.  
 Duke of *Albemarle*.  
 Marquis of *Dorchester*.  
 Lord Great Chamberlain.  
 Lord Chamberlain.  
 Earl of *Berkeshire*.  
 Earl of *Anglesey*.

Earl of *Bathe*.  
 Earl of *Carlisle*.  
 Earl of *Lauderdail*.  
 Earl of *Carbery*.  
 Lord *Wentworth*.  
 Lord *Berkley*.  
 Lord *Ashley*.  
 Mr. Treasurer.  
 Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.  
 Mr. Secretary *Morice*.  
 Mr. Secretary *Bennet*.  
 Mr. Chancellor of the *Dutchy*.

**H**Is Majesties *Declaration* touching His proceedings for re-  
 paration and satisfaction for several injuries, affronts and  
 spoils, done by the East and West-India-Companies, and other  
 the Subjects of the United Provinces, being this day read at  
 the Board, was approved: And it was ordered, That His  
 Majesties Printers do forthwith cause the same to be printed  
 and published.

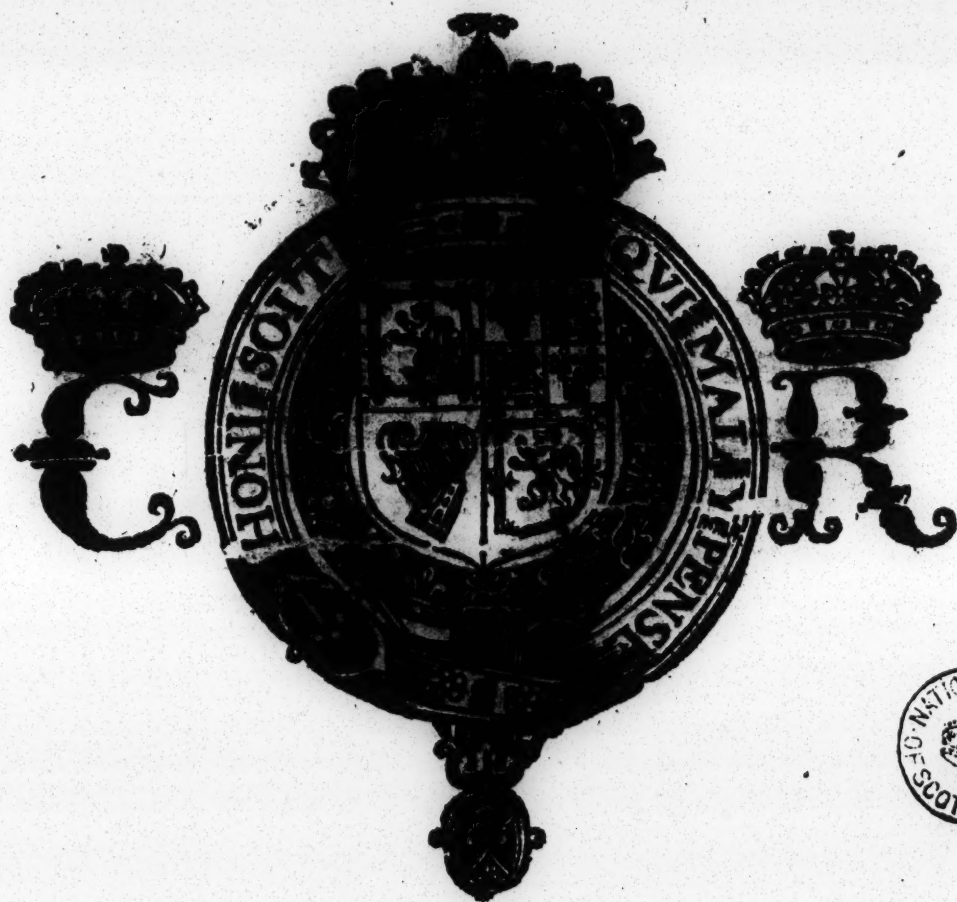
*Richard Browne.*





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HIS MAJESTIES  
DECLARATION  
TOUCHING HIS  
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UNITED PROVINCES.

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MAJESTY, 1665.

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DECLARATION

TO THE HONORABLE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

That the undersigned, the said

MEMBERS

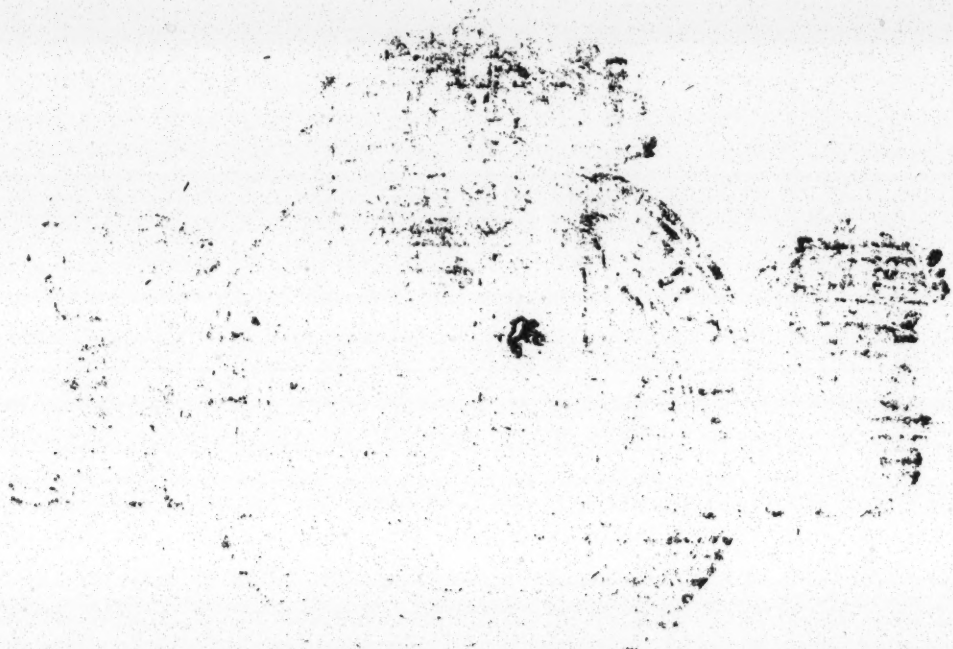
do hereby declare that the said

MEMBERS

are not entitled to the said

MEMBERSHIP

AND IN WITNESS WHEREOF

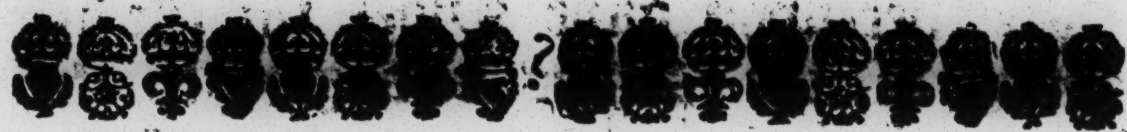


AND IN WITNESS WHEREOF

the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals

at the City of London





H I S  
M A J E S T I E S  
D E C L A R A T I O N.



Whereas upon complaint of the several injuries, affronts and spoils done by the East and West-India Companies, and other the Subjects of the United Provinces, unto and upon the Ships, Goods and Persons of Our Subjects, to their grievous damages, and amounting to vast sums; In stead of reparation and satisfaction, which hath been by Us frequently demanded, we found that Orders had been given to de Ruyter not only to abandon the consorship against the Pirates of the Mediterranean Seas (to which the States General had invited us) but also to use all Acts of Depredation and Hostility against Our Subjects in Africa:



we thereupon gave Order for the detaining of the Ships belonging to the States of the United Provinces, their Subjects and Inhabitants; yet notwithstanding, we did not give any Commission for Letters of Marque, nor were there any Proceedings against the Ships detained, until we had a clear and undeniable Evidence that de Ruyter had put the said Orders in Execution, by seizing several of Our Subjects Ships and Goods.

But now since finding by these fresh Injuries and Attacks of theirs, and the intelligence we have had of their great Preparations for War, and their Granting of Letters of Marque against Our People, that both our Injuries, and the other Remedies we have used to bring them to a Composition with us, have proved ineffectual, and that they are resolved what they have done by wrong, to maintain by Arms and War against us;

We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Declare, and do hereby Declare to all the World, That the said States are the Aggressors, and that they ought in Justice to be so looked upon by all Men; so that as well Our Fleets and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be Commissioned by Letters of Marque from Our dear Brother the Duke of York, Lord High Admiral



Admiral of England, shall and may lawfully fight with, seize, take, and take all Ships, Vessels and Goods belonging to the said States of the United Provinces, or any of their Subjects or Inhabitants, within any their Territories.

And we do hereby Command, as well all Our Own Subjects, as likewise all other persons, of what Nation soever, not to transport or carry any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or any other Contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations or Countries of the said States of the United Provinces; Declaring, That whatsoever Ship or Vessel shall be met withal, transporting or carrying any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other Contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations or Countries of the said States of the United Provinces, the same being taken, shall be condemned as good and lawfull Prize.

And we do further Declare, That whatsoever Ship or Vessel, of what Nation soever, shall be met withal, having any Goods, Merchandizes, or any number of persons in her belonging to the said States of the United Provinces, or any of their Subjects or Inhabitants, the whole, being taken, shall be adjudged as good and lawfull Prize. As likewise all Goods and Merchandizes, of what Nation soever, whether of Our Own, or of Foreigners, that



that shall be laden aboard any ship or  
 vessel belonging to the States of  
 the United Provinces, or any of their Sub-  
 jects; or any inhabiting Dutch them, and  
 shall be taken, the whole shall be Con-  
 demned as good and lawful prize: Ex-  
 cept the said ship or vessel has Burs, or  
 Letters of Marque, or Letters of Safe Con-  
 duct granted to them.

And that due execution  
 and satisfaction shall be made  
 upon the same, and public notice thereof  
 be given by the said Council and Admiralty,  
 and that the said execution shall  
 be published in Dutch and English form.

Richard Browne.

F. L. S.